

Dover Man Sentenced To 8 Years For Weapons, Drug Charges

Others guilty or sentenced on gun, drug charges

Hakeem Gibson, 21, of Dover, who pled guilty in March to Drug Dealing and Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon, was sentenced in Superior Court to 8 years in prison followed by one year of probation. In September 2016, Gibson was riding in a car stopped by Dover Police. A search of the car turned up 10 bags of heroin located in the floorboard where Gibson was seated, along with a loaded 9mm handgun, in addition to other drugs and guns throughout the car. Deputy Attorney General Greg Babowal secured a prison sentence

A 26-year-old Seaford man pled guilty in Superior Court and was sentenced to prison on drug and weapons offenses. Deputy Attorney General Greg Babowal prosecuted the case against Eric Correa, arrested in June 2016 by police patrolling a high crime area in Milford. State Troopers noticed a car backed into a spot in a remote section of the parking lot of the Bright Way Commons Apartments in Milford. When Troopers approached the car, they found Correa with marijuana, crack cocaine, and a loaded .25 caliber semi-automatic handgun. Correa, barred from having a gun because of previous drug, weapons, and assault charges, was sentenced to 5 years in prison, followed by 6 months of home confinement, then one year of probation. Correa also faces an additional year in prison for a pending Violation of Probation on a previous Assault conviction.

Tyreek Ducette, 21, of Dover, pled guilty to Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited. In November 2016, Ducette was a passenger in a car stopped for speeding on Broom Street in

Wilmington. During a search of the vehicle, officers saw a gun in the pocket of the door next to where Ducette sat. Ducette ran from the officers who were able to take him into custody after a brief struggle. Ducette, who is prohibited from having a gun because of previous felony convictions for weapons, burglary, and conspiracy charges, faces a minimum mandatory 10 years in prison when sentenced later this year for this plea and an additional weapons charge for which he was convicted in March. Deputy Attorney General John Taylor secured the guilty plea.

Deputy Attorney General Christina Kontis won a conviction after a bench trial in Superior Court for Lawrence Malandrucolo, 30, of Smyrna to charges of Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited, Attempted Shoplifting and Conspiracy Third Degree. In August 2016, Malandrucolo stole four rolls of electrical wiring valued at \$634 from the Home Depot store in Glasgow. Malandrucolo then tried to return the items and was declined, leaving the store with the wiring. Malandrucolo did the same thing at the Home Depot in New Castle, but was taken into custody. When police searched his car, they found a loaded 9mm handgun. Malandrucolo, prohibited from having a gun because of prior felony convictions on drug, theft, and burglary charges, will be sentenced later this year and faces 5 to 15 years in prison.